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Examiner: A. J. Flanigan

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In a telephonic interview on April 27, 2011, Applicants attorney, the undersigned, discussed with Examiner Flanigan the pending claims. Specifically, the undersigned asserted that the term "comprising" in the Preamble of claims 1 and 10 is a permissive transitional term. As such, a device according to the claims could include additional branch points or intersections that do not comport with the corresponding "each of" clauses in claims 1 and 10. The Examiner concurred that the user of the word "comprising" is interpreted as inclusive (see MPEP 2111.03).

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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